

CITY OF WRANGELL

RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-942

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REQUESTING A REVIEW BY THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED MUNICIPALITY FOR THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, IN LIEU OF THE RECOMMENDED REGIONAL WRANGELL-PETERSBURG BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Local Boundary Commission through Chapter 53, SLA 2002 has preliminary recommended a model borough boundary area of Wrangell-Petersburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, that the City of Wrangell is strongly opposed to this recommendation for the following reasons:

Sec. 1. The City of Wrangell is willing to expand its boundaries to include those adjacent areas for administration of land use regulations through formation of a unified Wrangell Borough corresponding roughly to the area of the USDA/Wrangell Ranger District.

Sec. 2. The residents of the incorporated City of Wrangell currently pay the highest rate of sales tax of any community in Alaska, of which 24% goes to support schools. The City of Wrangell has a mill rate of 10 mils and 36% collected by the City goes to support the schools, including 95% of all timber receipts received by the Federal Government. In the FY 2002/2003, the City of Wrangell will contribute \$1,332,152 (which is slightly more than the maximum allowed by the Department of Education) to the Wrangell School District and amounts to \$621.33 annually for every man/woman/child in our community. This does not include the several bond issues passed over the last few years to support our schools.

Sec. 3. The Alaska Constitution clearly provides for a minimum of local government units and prevention of multiple tax levying jurisdictions. An additional layer of government imposed by a Wrangell-Petersburg Borough would add an additional burden of cost to its citizens. These costs would not result in better service nor reduced costs to the taxpayer or to the State of Alaska.

ADOPTED: _____ February 11 _____, 2003

Bruce E. Harding
Bruce E. Harding, Mayor

ATTEST: Christie L. Jamieson
Christie L. Jamieson, City Clerk